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In Brief

Thanksgiving dinner 11-1:30 at the Brown Bear

The annual Silverton Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner will be held at the Brown Bear Cafe on Thursday, Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The main dishes and beverages will be provided.

If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert, that would be great. The event is being hosted by St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Brown Bear Cafe.

Standard publishes a day early next week

The Silverton Standard will go to press on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25 and appear in newsstands and Silverton post office boxes on Wednesday, Nov. 26, owing to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Snowmobile Club gets ready for season

The Silverton Snowmobile Club's next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Brown Bear.

Club members have CSA raffle tickets available for anyone that would like to buy a chance to win a new snowmobile. The first prize is a 2015 Arctic Cat M8000 snowmobile and the second prize is a ZR 120 snowmobile. The drawing is Dec. 20, the tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from Patty at the Brown Bear, from Jim Lokey at Red Mountain Motel or from Kevin Baldwin or Dean Des Palmes.

Anyone that did not get their notice to renew their membership with the club and wishes to do so, or to join the club, can do so online at the Colorado Snowmobile Association and add our club (district 9) at the end of the application.

If they don't have Internet access they may contact Jim at 970-387-5512 or Laura at 970-744-9446 for an application or for help with the process. You don't have to own or ride a snowmobile to join. Membership in the Snowmobile Club helps us with grooming the many multi-use trails in our area.

Planning under way for Skijoring 2015

Silverton Skijoring has started the planning process for the Feb. 14-15, 2015 annual event. Anyone wanting to attend, volunteer or help support this great event should mark their calendars so they don't miss the fun.

Anyone with questions can contact Silverton Skijoring at <http://www.skijoringsilverton.com/>

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Probation revoked for Harper

Former snowmobile tour owner must spend a year in jail

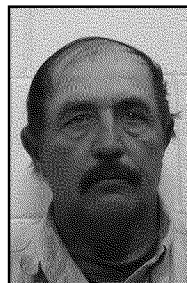
Keith Leslie Harper of Durango, who was convicted in 2011 of two counts of unlawful sexual contact after being accused of groping women on the snowmobile tour he operated in the Cascade area, was sentenced to a year in jail on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Harper, 65, was ordered to report to the La Plata County jail in Durango, which houses San Juan County inmates, on Dec. 1. San Juan County Judge An-

thony Edwards noted the District Attorney's office sought the revocation of probation in a Nov. 4 hearing.

Harper is the former owner of Outlaw Rivers & Jeep Tours. Three women accused him of groping them while he was giving them snowmobile tours in February 2011.

All three women testified against Harper during a 3-day trial. A 5-person Silverton jury found him guilty on two of the three counts he faced.



Harper

In March 2012, County Judge Lyndon Skinner sentenced Harper to four years probation. Harper was also ordered to register as a sex offender for a minimum of 10 years, enroll in sex-offender treatment program and pay more than \$10,000 in costs.

Harper denied all allegations in the case. And it's his refusal to admit guilt that resulted in the probation being revoked this week.

Such an admission of guilt is

a requirement for the treatment that was ordered.

In his order issued this week, Judge Edwards wrote that "based upon the record before me, oral argument and statements made by the defendant, I have determined Mr. Harper will be unable to comply with his probation ordered, which will require the defendant serve the remainder of his sentence incarcerated."

The modification order issued Nov. 18 sentences Harper to a year in jail on each original conviction, with the sentences to be served concurrently.

Snow in' In the Wind



Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner

Snow blows off of the peaks and off of the buildings in Silverton after a strong November storm dumped 15 inches of snow in town over the weekend. Temperatures Monday morning plunged to -12.

Hermosa Creek bill clears Senate committee

By Mark Esper

Continued snowmobile use on BLM land near Molas Lake is riding on passage

With a Senate committee passing the Hermosa Creek Watershed Bill last week, hopes are being raised that snowmobiling can continue on more than 1,000 acres near Molas Lake.

The bill includes a provision to release about 1,200 acres of BLM land near Molas Lake from its wilderness study area status.

The area has been popular with snowmobilers for years,

but the BLM announced in early 2013 that owing to new management rules pertaining to wilderness study areas, snowmobiling could no longer be permitted there. However the agency has agreed to allow snowmobiling to continue there at least through this winter.

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Co-

lo.) and Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Cortez), struck an agreement on the bill last week.

The new version of the bill was passed with bipartisan support by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Nov. 13.

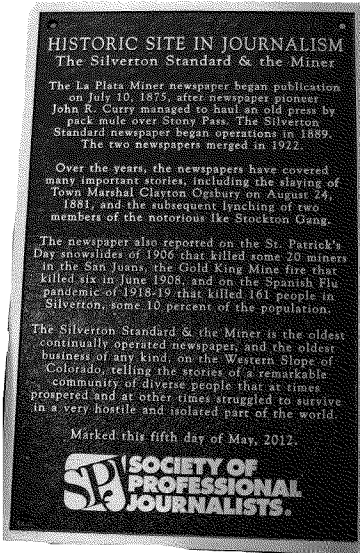
Bennet and Tipton said they are working together to find a path forward to pass the bill

into law before the end of the year.

"The BLM will keep the Molas Pass snowmobile area open all this winter regardless of the Hermosa bill's outcome," said County Commissioner Pete McKay. "I am hopeful that the Hermosa bill will be passed in this lame-duck session. It has passed both House and Senate committees already so could be attached to perhaps a send-

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Winter is really here

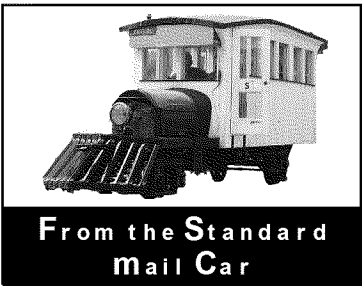
By Freddie Canfield

Weather and OBServations

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
Nov. 12	47	27	.3", high overcast
Nov. 13	37	23	4.5", mid mix
Nov. 14	36	24	5.2", light overcast
Nov. 15	33	9	4.8", light overcast
Nov. 16	21	-11	Clear
Nov. 17	29	-12	Clear
Nov. 18	40	-12	Clear
Seasonal snow total: 18.2 inches			

There we were, high and dry for all but the first two days of November. Or at least so it seemed. The good news was two fold. Plenty of time for projects and preparation. Then, pre-winter of course, less is more, when it comes to snow accumulation and subsequent snowpack solidity. Besides, temperatures in the 50s to low 60s, more so often than not, are perfectly acceptable thanks to a dominant western ridge. Suddenly winter arrived. Plenty of northwest Pacific moisture and this time it didn't veer way north of us. Wednesday, strong wind out of the southwest, complete with scoured high-desert dust, was followed by ever-increasing cloud cover and density overhead. All of this resulting in at most a few flurries. Then no accumulation and no wind at 4 a.m. Where upon light vertical snowfall fell to the tune of .3 inches by 7 a.m. Oh so quietly. Oh so little. Thursday though Sunday our prolonged patience paid off. Each day descending highs above freezing made for a certain amount of collapsing and accumulative

disappearance. No disappointment there, how-
ever. We were way too engaged in that ongoing
ecstatic endeavor of mucking ourselves and
others out.
So it went through Sunday afternoon —
snow-mucking wise. Snowfall began heavy and
wet, which made for a strenuous workout with
our shovels. This also made for a heavy snow
blanket glomming onto rock, earth and plant
matter up high.
Hiding that dust and we trust consolidating
See WEATHER, Page 6



Thanks for the votes
Editor;
Thanks to everyone who voted
for me. Congratulations to the
election winners. Condolences to
the losers. Good luck to all.
— Bob Boeder, Silverton

'Greywolf Fund'
needs assistance
Editor;
One of my little ferals injured
himself last week and had to
go to the vet. Greywolf came to
me limping Tuesday evening. It
looked like he may have broken
his leg. I decided to wait the next
day to see if he'd get better or was
still limping.

He did this to me once before
and was fine the next day. Poor
little guy was still limping on
Wednesday and barely put any
pressure on his paw. So off we
went to Durango.
He had to be put under since
I never had to bring any of these
cats to the vet since they've been
spayed or neutered, so had no
idea how he'd act towards a vet
touching him. While he was
under, they checked him over and
found out no broken bones! Yay!
They did find a deep laceration
under his paw that went to the
bone. So he was in quite a bit of
pain.
He's staying with me now to
recuperate during our storm and
to take pain medication so he'll
heal up, and won't infect his paw.
He's quite sad to be in a crate, but
it's for his own good. Each time I
let him out briefly he just wants
lots of pets and cuddling. By the
time you read this, he'll proba-
bly be back outside playing with
his brothers ... well, at least with
Blackie. I think he injured himself
while beating up Mustachio. He's
mad at his other brother for some
reason. They used to cuddle up
everyday together. Mustachio
did abandon him this summer
to hang out with Blackie, so he
might be mad at his brother for
that reason.

His bill ended up being \$340!
Yikes! I'm asking my feral friends
for donations to help pay for his
bill. Since I'm also raising money
for kitty food too, if you want to
write in a letter or in the check
memo Greywolf Fund to separate
it out, that way I know which
check goes to which fundraiser.
If I raise more than the \$340,
I can keep it in a general vet fund
in case anyone else gets injured.
The ferals had quite a few injuries
being wild little kitties, but so
far never had to rush anyone to
vet. I've been close, but so far
they have all recuperated or I had
leftover medication to help with
their pain injuries.
My PO Box is 563, Silverton
CO 81433
— Melanie Bergolc, Silverton
Feral Caretaker

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Marijuana is un-Silvertonian

By Edward Velarde

Guest Opinion

I just had to speak up along
with Becky Joyce, a resident of
Silverton, as she is RIGHT on the
marijuana and drugs. The prob-
lem is she is against a billion
dollar industry. Yes I said billion.
I commend her for writing the
article on the abuse to kids with
proof backing her statements.
I and many others from Sil-
verton watched the progression
of the approval of Marijuana.
First it was to be sold beyond
the city limits or a quarter of a
mile from schools. Gradually
the marketers of marijuana kept
making it closer and closer. The
people were naive to see what
was happening and voted for it.
It is a billion-dollar business

that has only one goal is to get
every child addicted to mari-
juana and progress to stronger
drugs. You are not dealing with
small farmers growing it in his
back yard. You are dealing with
large syndication that make you
believe it is for medical purposes
and not hurt anybody.
They eventually got their way
and now marijuana is to be sold
in a store on main street using
other items as the front. If the
owners are so proud of their
product why don't they display
it in the front window for all
the tourists to see? The city is so
concerned for tourist business
on broken windows and old

cars, this should really help the
tourist trade. See how many
tourists will like to come to Sil-
verton and spend their vacation
there.
Raised in Silverton I used to go
and buy wholesome products on
main street in that store. May I
ask how far it is from the school?
Thanks to your new Town
Council on approving the shop
right on main street. I wonder if
they have kids?
I left Silverton and as a civil
engineer I worked all around the
world. I have seen what mari-
juana and drugs have done not
only to kids but to professionals
too. They started out on mari-
juana for the fun of it and even-
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Winter Conditions



Mark Kloster skiing in Velocity Basin last weekend.

Jason Ebelheiser/Silverton Standard & the Miner

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES!
Tutoring: M-Th 3:30-5 PM
Volleyball: Mondays & Fridays, 5 PM, High School Students and Community Members welcome
Open Gym: T, Th 6-7:30
Climbing Club: Tues, 5 PM, Thurs, 3:30 PM
Student Leadership: Work on getting a new skate park or come work on something more you might be interested in- There are programs out there so students can be college or career ready Wednesdays 3:30 PM
Cooking Class: First class this Wednesday 5-7 PM in the school cafe. Must RSVP with Megan McGrath for next week mmcgrath@silvertonschool.org
Performing Arts Theater Group: Thursdays at 3:30 PM in the PAC
Lego Robotics: Thursdays in the Makers room at 3:30 PM
BASKETBALL PRACTICE: M-T, 3:30; W-Th, 5:30-7 PM

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Caldera bazaar Dec. 6 at Kendall

Caldera Belly Dance is once again hosting its annual Holiday Hafila & Bazaar.

The event is free and open to the general public, and is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Kendall Mountain Community Center.

"We'll get into the spirit of the season with light refreshments, festive music, door prizes and dance performances from Caldera and special guests," said dancer Lisa Branner.

With Christmas only a few weeks away, this will be a great opportunity for craftspeople and artists to sell their creations. Appropriate items include but are not limited to: knitting/crochet, quilted/sewn items, baked goods/holiday treats, jewelry, painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, pottery, etc.

The Kendall location makes for an easy setup and breakdown, and also means there is

no need to lug anything besides your lovely wares, a table cloth, and any decor/displays you wish to use. Tables and chairs will be provided (tables are 8 feet long rectangles.)

The Nitty Gritty Details:
Date: Saturday, Dec 6
Time: 6 - 9 pm
Location: Kendall Mountain Community Center.
Vendor set up: 4 - 5:45 p.m.
Participation Fee: \$20 (for one 8 foot table or equivalent floor space, please inquire for different configurations)
Door prize: We ask each vendor to consider donating a door prize to help make this event extra fun for participants.
If you are interested in selling your arts and craft items at this event please email calderabellydance@gmail.com to reserve a table.

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Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner
A crew installs a new electric highway advisory sign on U.S. 550 near the Mineral Creek Bridge on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

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Silverton Clinic dates announced

The Silverton Clinic at Miners Union Hospital will be open Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

Food bank seeking help for holidays

It's that time of year — the Silverton Food Bank Annual Fundraiser.

The food bank is a project totally funded by donations and operated by volunteers. It was started 14 years ago by Andy Gleason and Rose Raab doing the books (which she still does today).

The food bank has a total open-door policy, and everyone is welcome. Last winter it helped lots of needy people and the food bank is trying to go into the winter with funds to keep the shelves stocked.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. Checks may be made out to St. Patrick's Church and mailed to P.O. Box 331, Silverton, CO 81433.

Community dinner is set for Dec. 13

The Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Community Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Please call the Chamber at 387-5654 to reserve your table for the evening. The time to decorate the tables is yet to be determined.

The Town of Silverton is providing the roast beef and turkey. All those with reserved tables are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Bazaar set for Dec. 13 at former Legion hall

Local craftsmen and artists will be selling their holiday merchandise at the former American Legion Hall on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will feature local crafts, food, sleigh rides and more.

Vendors should call to reserve space. Call Vicky at 387-5095.

Permits available to harvest Xmas trees

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own holiday tree on National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, are now on sale at federal lands offices and selected retail outlets in southwestern Colorado.

A permit, which costs \$8, allows you to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use. This year's permits expire December 31, 2014. Permits come with a brochure explaining regulations and helpful tips.

National Forest/BLM offices also sell maps and offer tips on tree harvesting. Offices in Bayfield, Dolores, Durango and Pagosa Springs will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the holidays. Permits are on sale at:
BAYFIELD:
Columbine Ranger District, 367 Pearl St.
DURANGO:
San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court
Kroeger's Ace Hardware, #8 Town Plaza.

Silverton grad in model UN program

Silverton graduate Will Custer will be traveling to Switzerland in March to participate in the Model United Nations competition.

He is one of six Adams State University students to be selected for the travel team. In order to be selected, students have to enroll in a Model UN class and participate in club and community events. Each student takes on the role of a country.

Custer has been researching and preparing to debate about issues like ISIS and Iran's nuclear program, from the perspective of Argentina. The competition takes place of 10 days, and will be hosted by Geneva this year. Adams State is the only Colorado university to participate in this program, and it is an honor to be selected for the team as a freshman.

Mountain Happenings

- Monday, Nov. 24**
• **Silverton Town Council**, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Wednesday, Nov. 26**
• **The Silverton Standard** publishes one day early.
- Thursday, Nov. 27**
• **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Brown Bear Cafe.
- Saturday, Dec. 6**
• **Yule Log Festival**, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area, 10:30 a.m.-noon.
- **Caldera Belly Dance Holiday Hafila and Bazaar**, 6-9 p.m., Kendall Mountain Community Center.
- Saturday, Dec. 13**
• **American Legion Auxiliary bazaar**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., former Legion hall.
- **Community dinner**, Kendall Mountain Community Center, 6-8 p.m. Call Chamber at 387-5654 to reserve a table.

Ongoing

- **Free Salsa Class for Everyone: (ON HOLD TILL DEC. 8)** Monday nights, 6:30-7 p.m. (Basics); 7-8 (Moves and Combos), Kendall Mountain Community Center.
- **Silverton Threads Quilting Club**, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Kendall Mountain Community Center. All interested in quilting, crochet, knitting, and crafts are invited.
- **San Juan County Historical Society Archive** — Summer hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Silverton Movement Center**, Pilates Classes: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays, 5:15 p.m. Kettlebell/Weight/circuit classes: Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, 8:30 a.m. and Monday & Thursdays, 5:15 p.m.
- **Belly Dance Flow**: All Dance, No Talk! Mixed levels, beginners welcome. Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Kendall Mountain Community Center. \$12 drop in rate
- **Blair Street Historic District Association**, 5 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in Silverton every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

Silverton Youth Center

The Youth Center is open from 5-7:30 p.m. for Elementary Sunday through Saturday. Middle school/high school, 5-9 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.

Spiritual Events

- **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.
- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and

Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.

• **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Spike Bond, president, Sunday services: 9 a.m. priesthood, 10 a.m.; sacrament, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 727 Greene St., 387-5338.

• **First Congregational Church** of Silverton, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: silvertonucc@aol.com Website: silvertonchurch.org Look for us on Facebook!

• **Silverton Church on the Hill**, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotional and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children's Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer/fellowship, 7 p.m.

• **Word of Life Fellowship**, Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

What's happening?

Got somethin' goin' on? Contact the Standard. Phone 387-5477, e-mail editor@silvertonstandard.com

For the Record

- San Juan County Sheriff's Office blotter**
Nov. 10 — Assisted a motorist whose vehicle was hit by falling rocks in Ouray County.
Nov. 11 — A citizen was assisted with a civil matter.

- Nov. 12** — Routine patrol and office work.
Nov. 13 — Routine patrol and office work.
Nov. 14 — A motorist was assisted.
Nov. 15 — A warning was issued to a tractor trailer driver for parking and blocking the lane of traffic.

Nov. 16 — A report was received of a snowmobile abandoned in the street, the officer did not locate the snowmobile.

This awkward space remains unfilled owing to a lack of local disturbances requiring the attention of the Sheriff's Office.

Birthday CeleBrations

The Great American Smokeout is today

Today thousands of people across Colorado will take the first step to quit using tobacco during the Great American Smokeout, saving money and increasing chances for a healthier, longer life. Many will increase their chances of success by getting help from the Colorado QuitLine.

According to the assistant county health director and RN Lois Mackenzie, “the Great American Smokeout is the perfect day to quit, because it provides a community support system.”

To make the first step easier the Colorado QuitLine offers free, telephone-based coaching for Colorado residents who are interested in quitting tobacco. The Colorado QuitLine is available in English and Spanish and is open seven days a week at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).



From left, Ray Dileo, Judy Zimmerman, Lisa Stockebrand, Casey Carroll and Bev Rich celebrate their upcoming birthdays with a lunch at the Hungry Moose Bar and Grill on Friday, Nov. 14.

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ing bill and approved in this manner.”

Lizzie Loyer of Silverton, co-owner of Ice Pirates Backcountry Adventures based at Molas Lake, said she hopes the legislation can make it to the finish line.

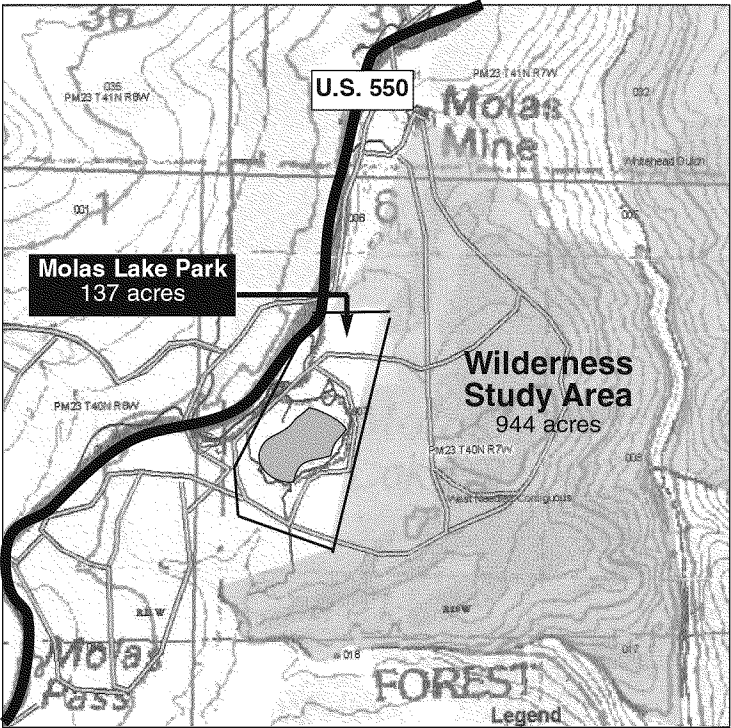
“We are crossing all our fingers and toes that the actual passage of the bill will go as smoothly as it did in committee,” Loyer said. “It is a pretty remarkable feeling to be part of such a bipartisan effort. We thank all of the parties, and of course Representative Tipton and Senator Bennet, for all of their hard work.”

“This release is a big win for the snowmobile community, as the Molas Pass area is an important riding area for the snowmobile community and a

large economic driver for the winter economy of the Town of Silverton community,” said Scott Jones, vice president of the Colorado Snowmobile Association. “These riding opportunities and important economic benefits would have been lost without this legislation.”

The bill would protect more than 100,000 acres of the Hermosa Creek Watershed, an area in the San Juan National Forest north of Durango.

It would establish a management plan for the watershed based on recommendations from the Hermosa Creek River Protection Workgroup, which included local water officials, conservationists, sportsmen, mountain bikers, off-road-vehicle users, outfitters, property owners, grazing permit holders, and other interested citizens.



“Quitting smoking was one of the hardest things I ever had to do, but it only took an overnight at the hospital to make me quit,” said Keri Metzler of Silverton.

All Coloradans pay a huge price for tobacco use: more than \$2.4 billion in health care costs and lost productivity each year, which is a cost to every Silverton household of \$579 per year.

The dollars an individual spends on smoking or smokeless tobacco add up as well. A pack of cigarettes in Colorado is about \$5. For a pack-a-day smoker, that adds up to \$1,825 per year.

Nearly one in six Colorado adults uses tobacco, and more than 80 percent of adult smokers became addicted to tobacco before the age of 18. Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in Colorado, killing more than 5,100 people each year — more than alcohol or other drug use, suicide, homicide, motor vehicle accidents, fires and AIDS combined. It can lead to severe health issues such as heart disease, stroke and lung cancer and can shorten smokers’ lives.

Ski film to premier in Ouray Nov. 29

San Juan Mountain Guides announces the premier of “Pretty Faces”, a ski film that will be the “first-ever, crowd-sourced, crowd-funded, all-women’s ski movie.”

This project began as a Kickstarter campaign to provoke the public interest of such a film and with the help of sponsors within the Outdoor Industry, “Pretty Faces” has proven to shatter the status-quo of women in ski movies. The premier will take place in Ouray on Nov. 29. Although the town of Ouray attracts many back-country enthusiasts, most premiers happen in more populated towns such as Durango and Telluride.

“We want to bring an event to Ouray that would appeal to locals and visitors alike, as Ouray is an ideal destination for all backcountry sports,” stated Nate Disser, co-owner of San

Juan Mountain Guides. Local business support has already been tremendous as the film will be shown at the Wright Opera House located on Main Street.

This film will not only promote the advancement of women in outdoor sports but all proceeds will go to the recent start-up nonprofit, Friends of the San Juans.

Founded this year, Friends of the San Juans (FOSJ) is a grassroots collective of backcountry enthusiasts committed to providing avalanche awareness and education for winter backcountry users in the San Juan Mountains. All FOSJ funding comes from generous donations by members and local supporting partners. With the combination of a revolutionary film and the raffle prizes to gear up anyone for this upcoming season — the Ouray premier of “Pretty Faces” will not

be one to miss.

The premier takes place Nov. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the film will start at 7.

Tickets will be on sale at <https://prettyfacesouray.eventbrite.com> for \$10 per person and \$12 at the door the night of the event. This is an all-ages event and entry for children 10 years old and under is gratis.

For more information on the premiere please visit <http://www.unicornpicnic.com> View the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/105099376>

For more information on Friends of the San Juans and how you can support their efforts please visit: <http://www.thesanjuans.org/>

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VELARDE, from Page 2

tually it was not strong enough so they went for the stronger stuff and ruined their lives. Worse they affected their kids. Kids think if daddy and mama can use it, it must be OK for me too.

It is shame what I see is happening to my hometown. I always thought since I was raised there, even with unlocked doors, I would have loved to have my kids raised there too. After seeing what is happened I have changed my mind. Us old timers and old families would not allowed it to come near Silverton. Not only for us, but mainly for our kids' of which the Town Council has seemed to have forgotten about. Don Stott was also right in his

opinion of what is happening to Silverton. I also read of all the abuse on people that have dedicated their lives working for a small town and then thrown out for petty grievances. I read of hearsay conversations that get into the official city records. Private meetings held plotting against each other. It sounds like a kangaroo court and totalitarian run government all in one. If you recall your history, it is exactly how other governments eventually ended up controlling the people and punishing the ones that did not agree with them.

To add to the control, the town wants to control the boarding up of your own property you are try-

ing to protect through the winter and what you keep in your yard. If the town government wants to control your property ask them to be responsible for payment of vandalism and thief too. So why should the City Government tell you what to do with your own property? You people should decide how your property will affect your own economy. It is your freedom of ownership that many a Silverton sons died for.

It is a shame a wonderful, beautiful and once wholesome town has to be ruined by a few people. The old-timers would not of put up with it.
— Edward Velarde, born and raised in Silverton

WEATHER, from Page 2

any early snow remaining way up yonder. Valley floor accumulations were 5.2 inches on Friday, 5.2 inches on Saturday and 4.8 inches on Sunday, measured at 7 a.m. Storm total: 15.5 inches.

On high, better than two feet fell. A good base coat. Lighter on-top Saturday night to Sunday morning as temperatures dropped following the front's passage.

We had a high of 33.2 and a low of 9., both our lowest yet this season.

But that record did not stand for long. Sunday we reached 21.1 for a high, with a minus 11.2 reading on Monday morning. After all of the snow, accom-

panied by plenty of wind and those three days of mucking, the next arctic express decided to stop and stay for a while. That suited us just perfectly.

On Monday, 28.7 was the high with minus 12.1 at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Then temperatures rose rapidly to a balmy 39.5 by mid-afternoon. Now old and ever slower, sled dog Sam and your correspondent go for a quarter, half or even mile mosey twice a day — no excuses.

Yet when my hiking pard asked the question I ditched my mountain bike and jacket at our community library. Off we went for another brisk walk and talk — continuing a 30- year tradition.

Winter is really here, complete

with ice fog each morning, these past three down by the Animas River. This is a time of rest and recuperation in between storms for us high-energy output year rounders. Not to mention a perfect time for backcountry adventures.

Wildlife also need time and space. It's their place, too. Hunt and rut wear out elk. Now they have increasingly limited access to snow-covered plants. Elk rely on slope melt off and pawing down.

Moose are on half rations. Willow and aspen are dry and more difficult to digest. So give them a break. No pressuring. No pursuing. Live and let live. Show respect and be rewarded experientially. None of us are here alone.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Silverton
Board of Trustees
Use Subject to Review,
124 East 13th Street

Town of Silverton hereby gives notice of a hearing to receive public comment concerning a request for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility, a Use Subject to Review within the BP Business Pedestrian Zone District. Applicant/owner is Kendall Mountain, LLC, dba Silverton Green Works; the proposed cultivation facility is to be located in the basement at 124 East 13th Street and includes Lots 13-15, Block 13, Town of Silverton. The Board of Trustees will conduct the public hearing in the Trustee Meeting Room, 2nd Floor of Town Hall at 1360 Greene Street, Silverton, Colorado during a special meeting that begins at 7:30 PM, Monday, December 1, 2014.

NOTICE is further given that all persons may appear and present oral and written testimony regarding this Use Subject to Review proposal prior to, or at the public hearing. Interested persons may review the application at the Planning Department in Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street or by calling 970-387-5522, Ext. 16 during regular business hours. Written comments should be directed to Bob Nevins, Town/County Planner, Town of Silverton, P.O. Box 250, Silverton, CO 81433.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Silverton
Board of Trustees
BP-L Zoning Amendment,
1271 Reese Street

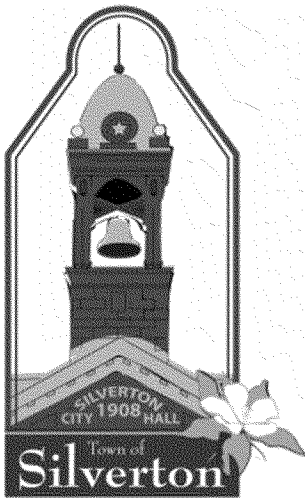
Town of Silverton hereby gives notice of a hearing to receive public comment concerning a request to amend the BP-L Business Pedestrian Limited Overlay that was previously approved for the Masonic Lodge at 1271 Reese Street. Applicant/new owner is Green Berry Properties, LLC; the property includes Lots 22-24, Block 22, Town of Silverton. The Board of Trustees will conduct the public hearing and second reading of the ordinance in the Trustee Meeting Room, 2nd Floor of Town Hall at 1360 Greene Street, Silverton, Colorado during a regular meeting that begins at 7:30 PM, Monday, December 8, 2014.

NOTICE is further given that all persons may appear and present oral and written testimony regarding this zoning amendment proposal prior to, or at the public hearing. Interested persons may review the application and ordinance at the Planning Department in Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street or by calling 970-387-5522, Ext. 16 during regular business hours. Written comments should be directed to Bob Nevins, Town/County Planner, Town of Silverton, P.O. Box 250, Silverton, CO 81433.

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The Town of Silverton is advertising for a new Town Clerk/Treasurer position. Interested applicants may obtain a job description and application at Town Hall, and a completed application and resume must be delivered to Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014. The Town of Silverton is an EOE.

San Miguel Power offices will be closed the following days in celebration of Thanksgiving:

NUCLA: Closed Wed., November 26 and Thurs., November 27 (always closed Fridays)
RIDGWAY: Closed Thurs., November 27 and Fri., November 28 (always closed Mondays)

Happy Thanksgiving



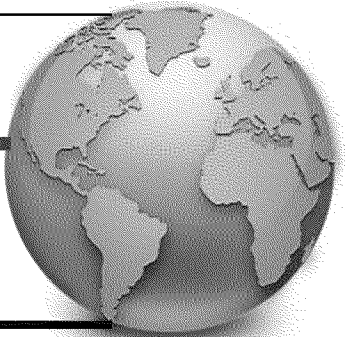
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help Wanted

The Town of Silverton is seeking a contractor for concessionaire services at Kendall Mountain Recreation Area for the 2014/2015 ski season. Please stop by Town Hall or e-mail John Sites at jsites@silverton.co.us for details.

SFLC is looking for an infant/toddler aide as well as a co-teacher in the preschool room! Join our innovative teaching team and inspire Silverton's youngest learners! Send resumes to info@sflc.coor stop by the center. \$10-\$15/hour depending on experience, 30-40 hours/week.

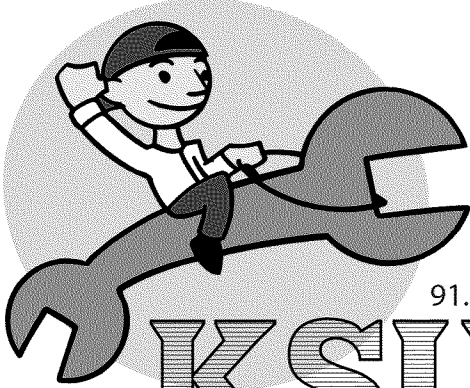
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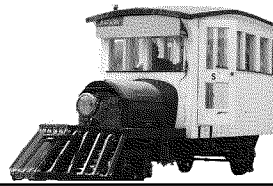
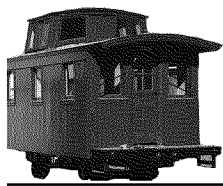
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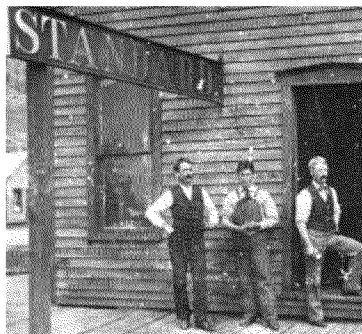
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125 years ago

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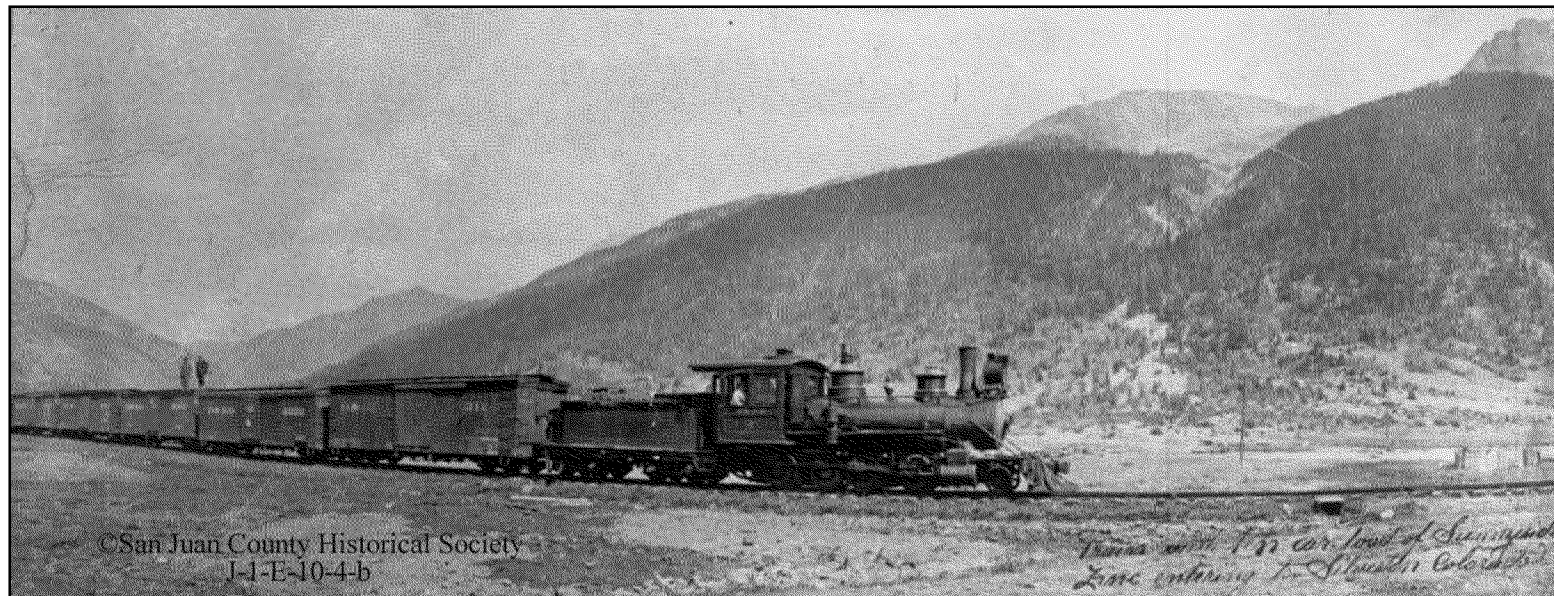
HARRY DUG OUT FROM SLIDE ABOVE EUREKA.

As Harry White was coming down from Mineral Point on Wednesday with his team, he was caught in a snowslide above Eureka and completely covered up. Charles Adams happened to pass and with the assistance of two men dug him out. Harry says he thought his time had come.

The post office at Animas Forks will be re-established on the first of the month.

Col. M. Breen will leave early next month to spend the holidays with his family at Fort Garland.

Silverton Northern, 1925



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A Silverton Northern Railroad train hauls 10 carloads of zinc concentrates into Silverton, around 1925, pulled by SN #4, with two men on the third boxcar.

SILVER RAILROAD CROWDED WITH FREIGHT.

The Silverton railroad train made three trips to Ironton Monday. The road is crowded with freight.

A small slide at the Sunnyside Extension knocked one man and several burros off the dump Tuesday. No one hurt.

The city council held a special meeting last evening and de-

cided that the city could rustle through the winter without a night watch. Col. Snowden will have his hands full of business now.

The Silverton railroad will run a special train to the Springs on Thanksgiving day for the benefit of those of our citizens who wish to attend the ball. The train will leave Silverton at 6 p.m. and return after the dance.

100 years ago

From the November 21, 1914 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

WE WILL NOT STAND FOR RAIL REDUCTION.

Will we stand for the taking off of the regular passenger train and the reduction of the working force at the depot? Not on your life. Both are rumored and neither is justified. So let us register our protest in time.

The fortunes of war are causing one of our respected citizens B. Matties considerable worry over the continued absence of his wife, who was visiting their old Austrian home when the war broke out. She is a naturalized American citizen, but before the authorities will permit her to depart for home

she must prove her American citizenship. As she is not that part of Austria that lies outside the war zone, Mr. Matties is not worried as to her safety, but over the steps necessary to secure her a passport.

From the November 16, 1918 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

SILVERTON HAS NOT CELEBRATED VICTORY—YET.

Silverton is about the only town in the state that did not turn out on Victory Day. Had the conditions in our town been right at that time we would still be going. But as soon as we can we have one coming and let it be known a good old fashion celebration in honor of the boys and victory of the Allies in crushing forever that thing that lived in Potsdam or some other dam place in Germany.

County Treasurer F.J. Bawden is in receipt of a letter from Col. B.B. Galvin, of Denver, who was former Secretary of the Silverton Commercial Club. Col. Galvin gives \$1000 to the Miners Union hospital in the hopes it can be used to relieve the residents of San Juan county during the illness of so many from Spanish influenza.

Looking Back

15 Years Ago
November 18, 1999

The Silverton School Board met Nov. 9 for its monthly meeting, swearing in three new members — Cindy Jaramillo, Samantha Tisdell, and P.K. Patti Wilson.

New officers were elected, with Chris George re-elected as president. Brison Gooch was elected as the new vice president.

20 Years Ago
November 17, 1994

Town Hall restoration project manager Ken Safranski reported that the workers have moved the construction fence closer to the north side of the town hall, opening 14th Street.

The workers have also constructed a handicapped-accessible route into the front of the building.

25 Years Ago
November 16, 1989

Don Stott was sent back to the drawing board, so to speak, when he presented the plans for the Silverton Street Railway to the Silverton trustees Monday night.

Stott had been asked to bring "stamped" plans. ... The plans brought to the board were stamped by surveyor Jay Zimmerman but not by an engineer. ... Stott left the meeting saying that he does not understand why the town, with run down buildings, unpermitted buildings, and other problems, expects him to furnish Empire State Building plans for the trolley.

30 Years Ago
November 22, 1984

Sheriff's blotter: Two horses and a donkey were found behind the Grand Imperial. They were identified as belonging to Lois MacKenzie. They followed her home after she finished church.

35 Years Ago
November 22, 1979

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